GIS Policy Committee
Meeting Notes
January 26, 2012
Auditor's Conference Room

In attendance:

Cindy Hawk, Auditor	Tom Yeager, Water Resources
Amanda Alamo, Auditor	Craig Risner, Engineer
Phil Brown, Auditor	Brian Dunkle, OTCS
Chuck Tilbury, Auditor	Romain Walker, Recorder
Linda Fraley, Auditor	Debbie Clepper, Recorder
Steve Rabolt, Board of Commissioners	Kelly Perry, GIS

New Staff – Linda introduced one of her new GIS staff members – Amanda Alamo, and Chuck talked about the hiring of their other GIS staff person – Chris Surber.   The hiring of these individuals was based on one of the Geo-Centric recommendations.

Aerial Photography – Cindy reported that all flights were complete as of January 12.   Delivery of oblique photos is due in February and delivery of the AccuPlus photos would be in May.

Pictometry Online launch dates are as follows:

> **February 15** – Auditor's staff
> **March 1 & 2** – available to designated department technical administrators, along with Train the Trainer sessions
> **March 15** – available countywide with department administrators providing training to their respective staff

Cindy stated that there is a tutorial on Pictometry's website.

Brian Dunkle asked if Pictometry Online could be integrated with Active Directory for easier administration of online accounts.   Cindy stated that she did not think it could, but would clarify with the vendor.

Craig Risner asked how Pictometry will handle photo updates.   Cindy said that it takes about two months to get updated imagery online.   Discussion then centered on how many different year's photography would be available.   The group determined that all years would remain available until server space became an issue, at which time it would be determined which years to archive.

Brian Dunkle asked Tom Yeager if he still wished to pursue updated Lidar.   Tom stated that he did not feel the need to obtain updated Lidar this year, despite the spectacular pricing quoted to Chuck by Pictometry.

iLookAbout – Steve Rabolt asked for an update on the iLookAbout project.   Chuck and Linda both indicated that the vendor was going to re-drive the project, as the photos were not up to standard.

<u>Geo-Centric Recommendations</u> – Chuck talked about the need to focus on the Enterprise Recommendations from the Geo-Centric reports, specifically the need to create a Master Address Repository and the need for increased bandwidth.   The assignment of new addresses in the County resides at the township level, therefore the county is dependent on being notified of new addresses.   Chuck indicated that we need to develop a plan to fix the issue.

As for increased bandwidth, Steve stated that this item will always be on a list of recommendations and that bandwidth needs must be evaluated with every new project.   Chuck stated that the Auditor's office relies on ISD and the county's bandwidth.   He asked if GIS consumed most of the bandwidth.   Brian Dunkle replied that there are many different consumers of bandwidth – webinars, MDC's, video conferencing, etc.   Steve stated that ISD continually monitors bandwidth needs.   Discussion centered on the pros and cons of purchasing more bandwidth such as the need for 24/7 availability, changing business needs, and potential lost revenues.

The availability of Capital Improvement Plan GIS layers was discussed.   Craig indicated that due to the frequency of changes being made, the Engineer's office does not necessarily want their CIP available as GIS layers.   The availability of the information is this format greatly increases the possibility of someone making decisions based on outdated information.   He stated that their CIP is available now on the web as pdf files.   Tom Yeager commented that the information being made available is critical to his office.   Linda asked if it would be possible to make the gis layers available internally and simply email gis users of any changes that may take place.

General discussion of the recommendations led to Steve suggesting that the list be revised to consolidate all enterprise related recommendations into one primary section, with departmental specific recommendations to follow.

<u>Training</u> – Cindy reported that the Auditor's office will hold "What You Don't Know About the Website" training sessions in April for county employees.   Suggestions were made to record training sessions in order to make them available for later viewing.

<u>Next meeting dates</u>:
      March 15
      May 17
      July 19